

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

**I. CLAIM STATUS AND AMENDMENTS**

Claims 21-23, 26-28, 30 and 34 were pending in this application when last examined. Claims 21-23 were withdrawn as non-elected subject matter. Claims 26-28, 30 and 34 were examined on the merits and stand rejected.

Withdrawn claims 21-23 have been canceled, as well as examined claims 26-28, 30 and 34. New claims 35-44 have been added. New claims 35-44 replace previous claims 26-28, 30 and 34, and further clarify the claimed subject matter and better conform to U.S. patent practice. In particular, independent claim 26 has been replaced with new claim 35, and independent claim 34 has been replaced with new claim 39.

Support for the new claims can be found in the specification and the original claims as filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional on any cancelled subject matter.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the consideration and professional courtesy provided to Applicants' representative during the August 7, 2009 Examiner interview. The Examiner's helpful comments were incorporated into this amendment.

## **II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

At page 2, item 3, the Office Action objects to claim 34 because of informalities. Applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 34 has been cancelled and replaced with new claim 39. New claim 39 addresses each of the issues from previous claim 34 noted in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection.

## **III. CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 112**

At page 2, item 5, the Office Action rejects claims 26-28, 30 and 34 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 26-28, 30 and 34 have been cancelled. New claims 35-44 address each of the issues noted in the Office Action and further clarify the intended subject matter. Each of claims 35-44 satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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